

SOCIETY EAGERLY AWAITS THE GRANT WEDDING

By Cholly Knickerbocker.

The wedding of Miss Julia Dent Grant to Prince Cantacuzene is close at hand, and society is talking of nothing else. Every detail of the wedding is being animatedly discussed, and among those who have received no invitations there is "wailing and gnashing of teeth."

New York.

THE wedding at Newport to-morrow is the event of the year—in the eyes of many. It is certainly going to be quite an affair. Already the Grant family has assembled, the farwell dinners have been given and the ushers and attendants have gathered at Newport. A number of the cottagers also who have closed their cottages have come back for a few days. Perhaps, however, those who will be most missed will be Colonel and Mrs. John Jacob Astor and Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, who have not waited for the culminating blaze of glory of the Newport season. The trossseau has arrived from Paris, and has been described article by article. In fact, there remains but little for me to say except to wish all happiness to the Prince and Princess Cantacuzene, or Kantakush, as you choose, and not forgetting the Count and Countess Speranski, etc. The happy couple will be in town for the Dewey parade, and will sail in October for Russia.

MR. AND MRS. POTTER PALMER will leave Newport for the season very soon after the ceremony and the festivities of to-morrow. They have helped the Newport season out very materially. Whether young Honore Palmer will have a heavy heart—as it was said by many that he had fallen victim to the charms of his fair young cousin—and look back at Newport with regret, it is not for me to say. I have no doubt that the young Palmers are reserved for future debutantes in the families of New York millionaires; and a double alliance with the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills or a match between little Miss Vanderbilt or Miss Burden or Miss Twombly or even Miss Lila Sloane and one of the Palmer boys is a possibility which the future alone can solve.

THE Dewey celebrations will be so much in evidence as to overshadow any other social arrangements for the week. Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs will have Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., as guests and quite a number of people for the procession. Mrs. John Jacob Astor will come down from Ferncliff, and the Pierpont Morgans, Mrs. Burke Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Morton, whose houses are on the route, will have people with them, while the Pierpont Morgans and the Iselins and Mr. and Mrs. George Gould will have yacht parties. There is nothing of social importance scheduled for the rest of the week. It is hardly time, yet, as the town season begins only in November, while just now the suburbs are having their turn.

MUCH relief was felt at the good news of Mrs. Astor, who has reached the other side of the water, and who is quite benefited by the trip. She will go to a German spa for a few weeks and will return in time for the season. Her presence will do much to remove the gloom of the winter. The Vanderbilt death will be deeply felt otherwise, and so many people in mourning will leave hardly any one to entertain.

COLONEL AND MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR will give their usual number of house parties at Ferncliff, which is looking its prettiest just now. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, at Statesburg, and the Levi P. Morgans, at Ellerslie, will also have a great number of guests during this early autumn. Ardsley is taking a renewed interest in golf, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whitehouse, Mrs. Charles P. Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud, Mr. Reynal, Mrs. Rutter, Mr. and Mrs. Trenor L. Park, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hartman and others who are scattered through Westchester by river and Sound will make the autumn very gay, and weekly dances at the various golf clubs will be resumed.

TUXEDO comes in for its inning just now, and the Hot Springs of West Virginia are well patronized by some of the Newport people who take the baths there yearly, and who find that mountain air just the tonic before the winter. There is only a spin of a few weeks before the tuxedo ball, which is one of the bright spots of the autumn season. Then one always has Balm's, and Sundays find that this club is quite a rendezvous for the man who is obliged to stop in town during the week.

THE balls and dancing classes for the winter are all settled. There will be two Assemblies, both held at the Astoria—one on December 14 and the other on January 25. Mrs. Arthur Dodge has charge of the Junior Cotillions, which will take place in December and January. These will be, as usual, at Sherry's. There will be the De Coverley dances, the Clunderella dances, the fortnightly

total abstinence, he will disappear from a circle of young men if they are drinking; but he will not chide or say anything to them. And you know that many a young fellow would bow his head in silent reverence and push aside his glass if lectured by a multi-millionaire. It is just a little feeling one has.

MISS ZELA MILHAU has been entertaining the sporting set at her quaint home at Southampton. Miss Milhau is a handsome helpmeet, who is quite independent in her ideas, and who lives with a chaperon during the summer at Southampton. She has built her cottage in the art

Gowns for House Parties Worn by Society Women.

Miss Alice Morton's spangled dinner gown. This effective French costume is of white chiffon glistening with black spangles. It is made over a foundation of white liberty silk and is trimmed with rosettes and folds of brilliant red panne velvet.



THE COUNTESS OF STRAFFORD and her daughter, Miss Colgate, have arranged to come to this country during the winter, but the Countess will still be in deep mourning for her husband and will not entertain. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mackay will remain at Hempstead until very late in the year. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stevens are this year in mourning, and Mr. and Mrs. Butler Duncan, Jr., will return to Cannes for the season. Mrs. Theodore Havemeyer is also going abroad, and the great Havemeyer house on Madison Avenue will be closed.

LENOX is struggling on bravely, but the news of the second operation on Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes has not been without its shadow, although the patient at last accounts, was said to be getting on bravely. It was not an amputation, as reported. It is not settled whether Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane will go abroad or not. Mrs. David Lydig and Mrs. Frank Sturges have abandoned all hope of entertaining, on account of the death of Judge Charles P. Daly.

THE presence of Prince Ranjitsingh has not made a great sensation. Indian princes are at a discount. The Prince himself was only an adopted son, and has no fortune. He is very dark, but has a pleasing face and does not suggest the negro. Staten Island, which has always been the headquarters for Canadians and mild Anglomaniacs, will give him a warm welcome; Philadelphia will follow, and there will possibly be some entertaining for him. But he has not an English social cachet. And this is necessary, as is observed even in the case of Sir Thomas Lipton, who has not been taken up with great fervor.

THE George Goulds and the Howard Goulds arrived about the same time. The George Goulds have been wheeling in Swiss valleys, and besides took in Paris and London, and all within the short period of six weeks. They were made much of at Lucerne, where the Lordillard Spencers seem to have the leadership of the American colony. The Howard Goulds were successful in capturing two young Irishmen who are socially quite well connected, and whom they propose to entertain during the yacht races. Whether the Howards and the Georges, and incidentally the Edwins, will affiliate, remains to be seen. It will be a very interesting study.

A MARRIAGE between a Rockefeller and a Vanderbilt, for instance, would import an enormous accumulation of wealth, and if the two families were Europeans the scheme would have been started coeval with the election of a Rockefeller to a vacant directorship in the Vanderbilt railroad interests. There is still a Miss Rockefeller, and the young son, so there is some chance of a possible alliance.

SOUTHAMPTON goes in a bit for the spectacular. It has Miss Milhau, who has been the despair of sighing swains, and the three Misses Cryder, who are the only triplets in society and who will make their triplicate debut season after next. Their mother was a Miss Ogden, and is very wealthy. Her card parties have been a feature at Southampton, and this form of entertainment is a confession that men are not very plentiful thereabouts. The old Southampton crowd is slightly in the lead just now, and Mrs. Harry May, Mrs. Harry McViekar and Mrs. Oliver Hartman, Jr.—a trio about which some one observed there was certainly enough of the old Harry—have left, but Mr. Harry Trevor remains.

THE John R. Drexels will have a locum habitus for the winter, and so you can look out for entertainments. They have taken the house of Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto Fabrizi, on East Sixty-ninth street. The Fabrizis go abroad. Mrs. Drexel will pass a short time in Philadelphia, where just now the natives of that village are having an exhibition, and are beginning to entertain Miss Minnie Fell. That young lady and her fiancé, Mr. Cassatt, will have a house party at the Childs-Drexels to-day and Monday, and all the Drexels and Van Rensselaers will come over for the Dewey reception in their various yachts. This, of course, does not apply to the Anthony Drexels, who are abroad and who will not come to America this winter.

MR. AND MRS. H. WALTER WEBB have taken the Elfin Rest house, also on East Sixty-ninth street, for the winter. Mr. Webb is improving slightly, and the physicians hold out some hope for his recovery. He was almost given up when he was in his camp in the Adirondacks. The genial Creighton has been in town, dressed in the very deepest mourning for Cornelius Vanderbilt. He still haunts the Astoria, but I have missed these days Hoyt and Yznaga, who have not been seen around since the death of Mr. Vanderbilt. I think, as they have been identified with the family, or at least with Willie, that it is very good taste.

HERE have been many engagements announced. One of these is that of Miss Marguerite Stockton Reasley to Edward Deland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maturin Deland. These are both very young people, and the engagement is the result of dancing classes and Southampton. Miss Edith Mills, the daughter of Mrs. Abram Mills, and Mr. Wilson Drake are also engaged. Miss Mills was to have come out this winter, and Wilson Drake has just graduated from Princeton. Yet an-



Mrs. Arthur Kemp's latest afternoon costume. The material is fawn silk grenadine over chartrreuse green silk. Stitched green satin bands trim the lower part of the sheath skirt in festoons. The bodice is elaborately trimmed with appliques of cream lace.

dances, Mrs. Church's dancing class, which begins on December 15, and Mrs. Sand's. Private dances will be few and far between. Mrs. Garner will give one for her granddaughter, Miss Iselin, and if Miss Burden decides to make her debut Mrs. Townsend Burden will give another. And so far this completes the list.

AS will be seen, there will be no dances until December. There will be, however, many debutante teas, these being again in favor. There are quite a number of pretty girls who will be brought out at these afternoon affairs—Miss Barker, Miss Mandy, Miss Thompson, Miss De Feyster and others, all of whom belong to the dancing classes.

NOT a very gay prospect for a brilliant season, but enough for the young people. It is the matrons who will suffer. That entire set known as the Exclusives will, for a year at least, be in the background. To paraphrase an old proverb, "One fish will not make a season," and just now it is Mrs. Fish who seems to be the sole hope of those who were so gay last winter. It is a nice season to go abroad. Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., will pay their long promised visit to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, and Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills and Colonel and Mrs. John Jacob Astor will sail before December. Mrs. Ladenburg will also go abroad about the same time. She will be at Monte Carlo and in Egypt and later in London.

THE taking of the Rockefeller into the house of Vanderbilt has quite a social significance. There is a young Rockefeller, who is very serious in his turn of mind. He resembles not a little the Vanderbilts of thirty years ago, before they were social powers. The present reigning generation were in those days very quiet people, who were always seen at church and Sunday-school. It was as a teacher of a Sunday-school that Colonel Shepard had the good fortune to meet his wife. John Rockefeller, Jr., is a most model young man, and one who is devoted to business. He has no frivolous. I have known him since he was a child, and he is not narrow minded. He has travelled a great deal, and is well read. Like his father, however, he prefers to stick to old fashions in living, and I doubt whether he can dance or has ever seen a cotillon; but I do not think that he needs to have the experience. He never pushes his beliefs or his views before other people, and, a

Mrs. Clarence Mackay's gown of costly pina silk. The sheer Japanese fabric is white, striped with hair lines in green. The dress is curiously trimmed with broad bands of black lace insertion. The skirt is finished at the bottom with three satin ruffles—a green, a blue and a black one.

village, and it is a perfect marvel. She is an artist for pleasure, and her collection in her Brooklyn home is quite wonderful. She is also one of the best whips in the country, and she can take any fence on Long Island with the greatest ease. The Southampton set, with dear Pierre Fencelon as an M. F. H., are rivaling the Newporters, who are only paper-clashing at Jamestown. The Southamptoners have a real live wild fox, and they meet three times a week, but Saturday is the best day.

Mrs. J. Lee Taylor's smartest black and white costume. This gown shows a particularly novel overskirt effect. The dress is liberty satin in white and black. The black over drapey shows slashed ends which are stitched to the trained underskirt. The same effect is carried out in the jacket bodice. A satin girdle gives another touch of novelty to this gown, for it is finished in front with long ends which reach to the bottom of the skirt.

other engagement is that of Miss Ethel de Forest and William A. W. Stewart. Miss de Forest is the granddaughter of John Taylor Johnston, who had the splendid picture collection and who lived in that handsome white house at the corner of Eighth street and Fifth avenue. Stewart is also a Princeton graduate of 1897, and is yet a very young man.

MR. GEORGE LAW is at the Astoria for the autumn. She has taken off mourning for her husband, and is now in half mourning for her sister-in-law. She dresses exquisitely, and, if a little stouter, is still as handsome as ever. She will go abroad in October, and after a short stay in Paris will pass the winter at her beautiful villa near Monte Carlo.

THE only large wedding in town last week was that of Miss Mary Turnure and Duncan Cameron. It was a quiet affair, but extremely fashionable. Mrs. Burke Roche and Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt came all the way from Newport to be present at it. Miss Isabelle Cameron was well enough to get away from Southampton and come up to town for the occasion. The Camerons have gone to Japan to be away for two years.

ONE of the first weddings of the season will be that of Miss Elsie Morris and Mr. Francis Livingston Pell. It will take place at Calvary Church on October 9. It will be a very pretty church affair. The bride is a very young girl, who came out last winter, and she will have a number of young bridesmaids. The William Bayard Cutting are new accessories to the hunting set down at, or rather near, Hempstead. They will pass the autumn at their Oakdale farm.

THE Horse Show, however, at Lenox, through the efforts of Miss Kate Cary, had quite a success for the place, and there will be another golf tournament in October. Peter Marle has made his appearance at Lenox, and that means a great deal. He usually comes already prepared to give prizes for all kinds of out-of-door sports and pastimes. He is now looked upon by the very young set as a veritable Santa Claus. He is always the same gallant beau, with the same old-school manners, which one does not see very often these days.